been taken in this regard:

(i) Division and Beat officers have been detailed to check such crimes in their respective Divisions and Beats.

(ii) Public has been advised to purchase tickets only from authorised dealers.

(iii) On receipt of any information about forged lotteries, action is taken under appropriate law against the persons found indulging in such crimes.

Foreign Nationals Overstaying in India

321. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of foreign nationals particularly Bangladesh is who came to India during the period from 1st January, 1973 to 31st December, 1992 on valid passports but later on over stayed;

(b) what is the total number of persons overstaying illegally as on 1st January, 1993; and

(c) what action has been taken against such persons and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Accordig to the information available with the Government, a total of approximately 232 lakhs foreign nationals arrived in India on valid travel documents during the period between 1973 to 1992. The foreign nationals enter into India on different types of visas which may, inter alia, enable them to perform multiple visits, or seek registration only after 180 days or extension of visa on the expiry of validity of visa period. Therefore, it is not possible to give precise data regarding the number of foreign nationals who are overstaying.

(c) As and when any foreigner is detected illegally overstaying in the country, action under the Foreigners Act is taken by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations to prosecute or deport him. Such powers are vested in them.

Bangladeshi Infiltrators

322. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the latest assessment of Government about the number of illegal Bangladeshi infiltrators into India;

(b) what are the names of the States/Territories/Cities where the infiltrators are mainly concentrated; and ,

(c) what is the nature and strength of the administrative machinery employed to detect illegal infiltrators and to take follow-up action in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) It is difficult to estimate the number of infiltrators from Bangladesh as they enter surreptitiously and are able to mingle easily with the local population because of ethnic and lingual similarities. The illegal infiltrators have managed to spread to the North-Eastern States and other states like West Bengal and Bihar. These infiltrators are also to be found in the cities of Calcutta, Delhi and Bombay.

(c) The State Governments including U.T. Administrations are taking appropriate measures to detect and deport such infiltrators. The Government have strengthened the State machinery in the States of Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and West Bengal under Prevention of Infiltration of Foreigners (PIF) and Mobile Task Force (MIF) Schemes.

Survey about Bangladeshi Infiltrators

323. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: